

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 28 (canceled).

Claim 29. (New) A composition including a pigment assembly comprising a mica core coated with at least one metal oxide layer selected from the group consisting of TiO_2 , Fe_2O_3 , Cr_2O_3 , and mixtures thereof, wherein said composition is intended to be applied on the skin on a mammal in need thereof for the prevention of skin damages caused by exposure to ultraviolet radiation and the composition comprises from 64.5% by weight of oil and from 2% by weight of pigment and that the thickness of the metal oxide layer is 40 to 80 nm.

Claim 30. (New) A composition according to claim 29, wherein said composition comprises a mineral oil.

Claim 31. (New) A composition according to claim 29, wherein said composition also comprises a viscosity adjusting agent and at least one conditioning agent.

Claim 32. (New) A composition according to claim 30, wherein said composition also comprises a viscosity adjusting agent and at least one conditioning agent.

Claim 33. (New) A composition according to claim 29, wherein said metal oxide layer consists of Fe_2O_3 and has a thickness of 40 to 60 nm.

Claim 34. (New) A composition according to claim 30, wherein said metal oxide layer consists of Fe_2O_3 and has a thickness of 40 to 60 nm.

Claim 35. (New) A composition according to claim 31, wherein said metal oxide layer consists of Fe_2O_3 and has a thickness of 40 to 60 nm.

Claim 36. (New) A composition according to claim 29, wherein said composition comprises more than 20% by weight of pigment.

Claim 37. (New) A composition according to claim 30, wherein said composition comprises more than 20% by weight of pigment.

Claim 38. (New) A composition according to claim 31, wherein said composition comprises more than 20% by weight of pigment.

Claim 39. (New) A composition according to claim 29, wherein said metal oxide layer is coated with a dye.

Claim 40. (New) A composition according to claim 30, wherein said metal oxide layer is coated with a dye.

Claim 41. (New) A composition according to claim 39, wherein said dye is chosen from the group consisting of iron blue and carmine.

Claim 42. (New) A composition according to claim 29, wherein said composition has a pearlescent appearance.

Claim 43. (New) A composition according to claim 30, wherein said composition has a pearlescent appearance.

Claim 44. (New) A composition according to claim 29, wherein the concentration of pigment assemblies in the composition is directly proportional to the ability of the composition to protect against ultraviolet radiation.

Claim 45. (New) A composition according to claim 30, wherein the concentration of pigment assemblies in the composition is directly proportional to the ability of the composition to protect against ultraviolet radiation.

Claim 46. (New) A composition according to claim 31, wherein the concentration of pigment assemblies in the composition is directly proportional to the ability of the composition to protect against ultraviolet radiation.

Claim 47. (New) A method to determine the suitable thickness of the composition according to claim 41 that is to be used to provide desired skin protection against ultraviolet radiation comprising:

- (a) that the composition is applied onto the skin;
- (b) that the composition is spread out to a certain thickness on the skin;
and
- (c) that one visually establishes the thickness that has been applied on the skin and the sun protection that then has been obtained by observing the visible color change on the skin caused by the pigment assemblies in said composition.

Claim 48. (New) A method to determine the suitable thickness of the composition according to claim 42 that is to be used to provide desired skin protection against ultraviolet radiation comprising:

- (a) that the composition is applied onto the skin;
- (b) that the composition is spread out to a certain thickness on the skin;
and
- (c) that one visually establishes the thickness that has been applied on the skin and the sun protection that then has been obtained by observing the visible color change on the skin caused by the pigment assemblies in said composition.